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Religion is a support of reaction, the servant of the exploiting classes. Just like the slave owners and the feudal serf holders of the past, the present exploiting classes of capitalist society are using religion for the spiritual enslavement, stupefaction, and deceit of the masses. This is why the reactionary bourgeoisie in contemporary capitalist states are particularly interested in strengthening religion and in aiding religious organizations. The bourgeoisie are concerned with spreading the sermons of Christianity, Buddhism, and Islam and with maintaining every kind of superstition and belief among the masses. An antisocialist ideological concept of the world is propagated in capitalist schools.

The indispensable condition for overcoming religion and freeing national groups from religious inclinations is the annihilation of exploiting elements. This has been done in the USSR. The most favorable conditions for spreading scientific knowledge and a materialistic world concept have been created in Soviet society. All prerequisites have been attained for overcoming completely the survivals of capitalism in the minds of the people, including religious prejudices, one of the most vicious survivals of the past. Millions of Soviet people have been liberated from religious ideas and have broken away from religion for good. However, it is impossible to forget that religious prejudices and superstitions are still widespread among a certain element of the population. Intermeshed with bourgeois habits and ideas, religion is diametrically opposed to the Communist viewpoint on labor and socialist property. Religion considers labor to be damned, a punishment for sins; it justifies laziness and passiveness; it teaches one to have hope in God and to maintain absurd reactionary survivals in the way of life. Religious survivals are a drag on the communist instruction of the masses. The Stalin Constitution guarantees complete freedom of conscience. To this end, the church in the USSR is separate from the state and the school from the church. This situation also defines the attitude of the socialist State toward the question of religion.

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The Bolshevik Party cannot be neutral in its attitude toward religion. The Party can never hide its negative attitude towards religious beliefs and superstitions. The struggle to overcome completely religious superstitions is a component part of all cultural-enlightenment work which our Party and Komsomol organizations and all Soviet society is carrying out. --
M. Grigor'ev

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